tages in terms of timings and costs. However, no specific policy regard to utilisation of private airlines for mail conveyance has been formulated so far.

Promotion of J.T.O. against reserved vacancies/categories in DOT

858. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Junior Telecom Officers belonging to SC and ST categories who have been promoted to TES group B posts in the DOT against 3200 vacancies for the year 1990 and the number of vacancies, reserved for SC and ST candidates which have been carried forward;

(b) what are the directives of Government of India regarding conversion of unfilled vacancies belonging to SC and ST candidates for promotion from Group-C to Group-B posts;

(c) whether DOT plans to fill up the vacant TES group-B posts from among SC candidates since adequate number of qualified ST candidates are not available; if so, by when;

(d) whether DOT has revised the all India eligibility list of JTO's for their promotion in accordance with the order of the Supreme Court;

(e) if so, how many JTO's of OC, SC and ST categories have been promoted from this list; and

(f) whether the pending cases for the last ten years have also been cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a)

(i) No. of J.T.O.'s promoted to TES, Gr. 'B' against 3200 vacancies of 1990.

OC	SC	ST	Total
2400	480	147	3107

(ii) No. of vacancies carried forward

nil	nil	93	93

(b) As per Government of India Orders, if sufficient number of SC|ST candidates eligible for promotion are not available the vacancies reserved for either of the categories are dereserved and carried forward to three subsequent recruitment years and exchange vacancies between SC|ST in the final year of carry forward.

(c) Yes Sir, As per Government of India's orders, after the third recruitment year of sufficient number of ST candidates are not available.

(d) Yes Sir. All India Eligibility list of JTO's for consideration for promotion to TES, Group-B has been revised as per direction of Ducknow Bench of Allahabad High Court as upheld by Supeme Court.

(e)

OC	SC	ST	Total
8532	1500	355	10,387

The reserved vacancies have been filled up as per reservation orders of Government of India as applicable from time to time.

(f) Yes Sir, except as mentioned in reply to (a) above.

उपग्रह पर आधारित दूरसंचार नेटवर्क

859. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दूरसंचार के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में उपग्रहों के प्रभाव की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या देश के विभिन्न दूरसंचार केन्द्रों के उपग्रह पर आधारित टेलीग्राफ

नेटवर्क के अन्तर्गत आ जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या निकट भविष्य में और अधिक केन्द्रों के इस नेटवर्क के अन्तर्गत आ जाने की संभावना है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो अब तक चुने गये केन्द्रों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) उपग्रह संचार प्रौद्योगिकी का प्राथमिक रूप से प्रयोग पहाड़ी, द्वीप समूह तथा दुर्गम क्षेत्रों सहित देश के दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों में विश्वसनीय दूरसंचार सुविधाएं प्रदान करने के लिए किया जा रहा है जहां स्थलीय माध्यम से दूरसंचार सुविधाएं प्रदान कर पाना तकनीकी तथा आर्थिक रूप से व्यवहार्य नहीं है।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) उत्तर-पूर्व क्षेत्र के पांच स्थानों अर्थात् शिलांग, दीमापुर, ईटानगर, विलियमनगर, तथा इंफाल में प्रायोगिक आधार पर इसे चालू किया गया है।

(ङ) जी हां।

(च) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में लगभग बीस स्थानों पर यह सुविधा प्रदान की जानी है, बशर्ते कि संसाधन उपलब्ध हों, जिनके ब्यौरे इस प्रकार हैं :–

अरूणाचल प्रदेश	3
मिजोरम	3
मणीपुर	4
नागालैंड	5
मेघालय	1
त्रिपुरा	4

Installation of 75 micro-earth stations vi asatellite in the countr

860. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANNDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the plan to install 75 micro-earth stations (VSATs) to transmit money order advices via satellite communication;

(b) what is the extent to which cost of money order operations will be reduced as a result of this;

(c) what are the new value added services which the department plans to start after such VSATs are established; and

(d) what is the total cost to be incurred on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) For the implementation of the Satellite Money Orer project, the department has decided to sign Memorandum of Understanding with the department of Electronics.

(b) TTe actual cost of operations through this system ann be known after introducting the scheme.

(c) In the second phase of the Project it is proposed to start certain new services as value added services. their details are being worked out.

(d) The cost of project is estimated to be Rs. 12 crores.

Automatic integrated mail processing system in Bombay

861. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by when will the installation of the Automatic Integrated Mail Processing System at Bombay is likely to be completed;